

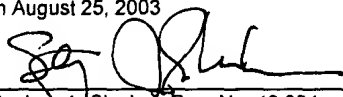


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Title : PEPTIDE DERIVED FROM AN ANTIGEN RECOGNIZED BY ANTIBODIES FROM
PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, ANTIBODY DIRECTED AGAINST
SAID PEPTIDE, A COMBINATORIAL ANTIGEN, AND A METHOD OF DETECTION
AUTO-IMMUNE ANTIBODIES
TC/A.U. : 1644
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that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on March 25, 2003, be extended for one month(s), to
and including August 25, 2003. A first extension fee of \$55 was paid on July 15, 2003. The remainder of the
\$205 two month extension fee, \$150, is enclosed. Small entity status is declared under 37 CFR §1.27.

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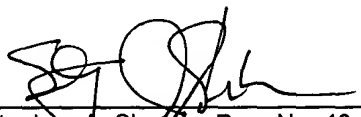
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